

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1780 - SB 2211**

March 3, 2018

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Allows for offenders who have received a certificate or degree under the Community College Reconnect Program or the Tennessee Reconnect Grant Program to petition the court for expunction of certain felony offenses.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 40-32-101(g)(1) defines “eligible petitioner”.
- The proposed legislation allows for offenders who have received a certificate or degree under the Community College Reconnect Program or the Tennessee Reconnect Grant Program to petition the court for expunction of certain felony offenses.
- There is insufficient data on the number of persons that would be eligible for expungement under this proposed legislation.
- However, since the expungement law was changed by Public Chapter 1103 of the Public Acts of 2012, the number of expungements filed each year has been drastically less than estimated. Approximately one percent of original projections have been realized.
- Therefore, it is assumed that allowing persons who have received a certificate or degree under the Community College Reconnect Program or the Tennessee Reconnect Grant Program to be considered eligible petitioners, and thus be able to petition for records expungement, will not significantly impact state or local expungement revenue.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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